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SUBJECT: VP MUBARAK STARTS AFRICAN SWING

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SUMMARY: VP MUBARAK LEAVES APRIL 27 FOR QUICK JAUNT
TO CAE, CHAD AND SUDAN. TRIP REFLECTS INCREASING GOE
CONCERNS WITH DETERIORATING SITUATION IN CHAD AND
ERITREA. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL DAILIES REPORTED APRIL 27 THAT VP MUBARAK
DEPARTING SAME DAY FOR QUICK SWING THROUGH CAE, CHAD
AND SUDAN. PURPOSE OF TRIP LEFT VAGUE, ARTICLES MERELY
NOTING MUBARAK WILL REPORT ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE DEVELOP-
MENTS AND DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS. MUBARAK ALSO TO
CONVEY SADAT'S CONGRATULATIONS TO BOKASSA ON ACCESSION

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TO THRONE AND TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGE TO NUMAYRI
FROM SADAT.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST EMBASSY HAS HEARD OF MUBARAK'S
TRIP AND WE ASSUME IT HASTILY ARRANGED. GOE KNOWN TO
BE WORRIED ABOUT DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN
CHAD AND APPARENT ESCALATION OF CONFLICT IN ERITREA

(REF A). BELIEVE CAE VISIT TOSSED IN AS AFTERTHOUGHT,
BUT MUBARAK WILL PROBABLY IMPRESS UPON BOKASSA GOE CON-
CERNS OVER LIBYAN/SOVIET DESIGNS IN CHAD AND SUDAN.
MFA OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PESSIMISTIC RE VIABILITY
OF MALLOUM GOVERNMENT AND MUBARAK LIKELY TO ATTEMPT TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ANYTHING GOE CAN DO TO SHORE UP
ANTI-FROLINAT EFFORTS. IN KHARTOUM MUBARAK WILL PROBABLY
DISCUSS MILITARY SITUATION ALONG ETHIOPIAN FRONTIER,
DANGER OF "HOT PURSUIT" RAIDS INTO SUDAN, AND CONTIN-
GENCY EGYPTIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE IF SUDAN
BECOMES INVOLVED IN ERITREAN CONFLICT. MUBARAK WILL
ALSO IMPRESS UPON NUMAYRI EGYPTIAN VIEW THAT FLIRTATION
WITH QADHAFI AND MENGISTU HAS GAINED SUDAN NOTHING
AS DEMONSTRATED BY DETERIORATING SITUATION IN CHAD AND
ERITREA. EILTS

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